

**Double Header - National Marine Sanctuary invites public to Advisory Council Meeting and an evening “public brainstorming session” in Cambria**

NOAA’s Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) will hold two public meetings in Cambria on Friday, October 23, 2015. First, the Sanctuary Advisory Council will receive a series of presentations and updates on various topics connected to the sanctuary, including a southern region update, wildlife disturbance, and water quality.

Following the Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting, NOAA staff will host the last of four public scoping meetings to gather community input on the future management of MBNMS. This meeting allows the public and stakeholders to learn more about MBNMS’ management plan and recommend changes or additions to the plan.

The preliminary priority topics for the management plan review are: climate change, wildlife disturbance, water quality protection, visitor centers, citizen science and marine debris. However, the public is invited to offer comments on any topic of concern within the sanctuary. NOAA is also requesting public comment on potential regulatory changes aimed at better protecting the sanctuary’s marine resources and maritime heritage assets.

**WHAT:** Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting followed by Management Plan Review Scoping Meeting

**WHEN:** Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)  
Management Plan Review Scoping Meeting (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

**WHERE:** Veterans Memorial Building  
1000 Main Street  
Cambria, CA 93428

**WHO:** All interested parties

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On The Web:

MBNMS Management Plan Review: <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/intro/mp/2015review>

MBNMS Advisory Council: <http://montereybay.noaa.gov/sac/advisory.html>

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